

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2003, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following election and remarks. Claims 19-72 were elected in response to the restriction requirement. However, claims 15-76 remain pending in the application since it is believed that the product claims will be shown to be allowable, which would enable the examination of claims 15-18 and 73-76. The Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in light of the election and remarks.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner restricted the application to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 3, 4, and 19-33, drawn to making coke;
- II. Claims 8, 9, and 34-72, drawn to a coke product;
- III(a). Claims 15-18, drawn to cleaning [coke] flue gases; or
- III(b). Claims 73-76, drawn to burning coke to produce energy.

During the prosecution of the International Application, claims 3, 4, 8, and 9 were canceled without prejudice in an Article 34 amendment filed on May 2, 2000. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that Group I is effectively limited to claims 19-33 and Group II is effectively limited to claims 34-72.

In light of the restriction requirement, the Applicant hereby elects Group I (i.e., the process of producing coke in claims 19-33). As a result, the Applicant respectfully requests examination of Groups I and II (i.e., claims 19-72).

Respectfully submitted,

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